THE MINISTER OF URB AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(d) The Government has allowed private developer to take up land assembly and development as a part of housing project. The minimum area required for land assembly is 30 acres of contiguous land. The private developer should have legal ownership and/or legal possession of the land with conforming land use as per MPD-2001.

Misuse of Staff Car

2479. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Members of Parliament have drawn his attention towards use of staff car of subordinate/ attached offices for journeys to and from the residence and at the same time claiming conveyance allowance;

(b) if so, the action Government have taken/propose to take against the erring officers',

(c) whether his attention was also drawn by the MPs to the fact that officers against whom charges are pending investigation are posted in sensitive position in the same office in collusion with senior officers; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. One such case came to the notice of the Government where an officer of the Ministry was frequently using staff car of an autonomous body for journeys to and from the residence. The officer has to use the car as the officer lives far away, has to sit late due to pressure of work and is required to carry some sensitive files home. The officer is not drawing any conveyance allowance.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Only one suc. case was found where the officer was posted in the Directorate of Estates. However, there was no collusion of the senior officers in his posting and the Directorate of Estates is also not considered a very sensitive posting. The officer concerned has since been posted out of the Directorate of Estates.

Water supply in CPWD Housing Complex Vasant Vihar

2480. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of water supply in C.P.W.D. housing complex colony, Vasant Vihar for the last one year and till date and no effective measures have been taken by Government in this regard; and

(b) if so, the full details alongwith reasons therefor and reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) and (b) There is no general shortage of water supply in this colony. Delhi Jal Board has provided a bulk connection of 200 mm dia (8") from the main water line through which about 2.40 lac gallons water is supplied daily. This is augmented by pumping of 3 lac gallons of ground water by the CPWD from its own tubewells. Due to elevational difference between various blocks there has been the occasional problem of supply in the tail end area of the colony. Delhi Jal Board has been advised to augment the water supply and CPWD has also been advised to regulate and stagger the timing of supply between different blocks

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